

**Housing Committee
Regular Meeting
January 20, 2009 – 2:00 pm
Tribal Office Board Room**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call-

Committee Chairperson Rebecca Alegria called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Those present: Mary Husby, Dave Corn, Yolanda Shawanokasic, Kim Komanekin (late) and Gerald Dick Jr. (late). Kenneth A. Fish was absent (excused). Also present for the meeting was Wendy Warrington, Betty Jo Wozniak, Janice LaTender, Louise Summers, Robin Perez, Beverly Peters, Brian Peters, Stephanie Perez, Charlotte Caldwell, Crystal Caldwell, Lorena Thoms and Beatrice Chevalier.

2. Moment of Silence- A moment of silence was observed.

3. Approval of Minutes Dated December 16, 2008-

Motion made by Yolanda Shawanokasic to approve the minutes dated December 16, 2008. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent (Fish, Komanekin and Dick). Motion carried.

4. Customer Service Policy-

At previous meetings the Committee went over the Customer Service Policy and requested changes. In this meeting packet the committee members all received an updated copy of the policy. Betty Jo Wozniak asked the committee if the policy was ok now. Committee agreed that the policy is ready for approval.

Motion made by Mary Husby to approve the Customer Service Policy. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent (Fish, Komanekin and Dick). Motion carried.

5. Clarification of Grievance Policy-Delegation to Committee-

As with the Customer Service Policy, the Grievance Policy was discussed at previous meetings and the committee wanted some clarifications. The meeting packet included an updated copy of the Grievance Policy and Betty Jo Wozniak asked the committee if there were any more questions or comments on the policy. There weren't any questions or comments.

Motion made by Yolanda Shawanokasic to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature approval of the Housing Departments Grievance Policy. Motion was seconded by Mary Husby. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent (Fish, Komanekin and Dick). Motion carried.

6. Executive Session- 4-Tenant Issues-

Motion made by Mary Husby to go into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent (Fish, Komanekin and Dick). Motion carried.

*******EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS NOT RECORDED*******

Gerald Dick Jr. and Kim Komanekin arrived at 3:30 pm.

Motion made by Dave Corn to come out of Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Yolanda Shawanokasic. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent (Fish). Motion carried.

Motion made by Dave Corn to uphold the decision to terminate tenant number R-001-0060-03 and to give a 30 day extension on moving out. Motion was seconded by Mary Husby. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 2-for, 1-opposed (Shawanokasic), 1-absent (Fish) and 2-abstentions (Komanekin and Dick). Motion carried.

Motion made by Dave Corn to uphold the decision to terminate tenant number R0001-0092-06 with the 30 day extension on moving out. Motion was seconded by Mary Husby. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent (Fish) and 2-abstentions (Komanekin and Dick). Motion carried.

Motion made by Dave Corn to follow through with the termination of tenant number R001-0010-06 due to criminal activity with the 30 day extension on moving out. Motion was seconded by Mary Husby. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 2-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent (Fish) and 3-abstentions (Komanekin, Dick and Shawanokasic). Motion carried.

**Motion made by Mary Husby to disapprove the request from
be allowed to reside in her household due to
the criminal background investigation and for the fact that there has not
been any demonstration of rehabilitation for at least the past five years as
per the policies. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor
signify by saying aye, 4-for, 1-opposed (Dick), 1-absent (Fish). Motion
carried.**

Committee Chairperson Alegria asked that this portion of the meeting be added to the minutes as the conversation took place.

Brian Peters: So what that means I can't live there?

Becky Alegria: Yeah you will be getting something.....

Betty Jo: We will send you a letter.

Brian: You mean due to the fact that I have criminal activity I haven't committed no further criminal activity since 1993 since this conviction and out of prison. I continue trying to go to school, & I don't drink no more.

Becky: Ok that was.....

Brian: That has nothing to do with the law. Sure I may break a rule from my probation violation I'm not doing any criminal activity. Your going to sit here and say no I can't live with my people's housing I'm Menominee, I'm probably more Menominee than some of you sitting on this board and you are going to sit here and deny me the right to live with my people, in my people's home? Where do you guys come off with this kind of stuff? You know we're not the only ones. I don't know who you are but I know you have family maybe in these homes, some other people in this housing and things. I know you, and I know you and I know you (*he was pointing at some of the committee members but where I was sitting I couldn't see who he was pointing at*) and your still going to sit here and deny me the right to live with my people. You are gonna be a God.

Mary Husby: No you denied yourself that right.

Brian: No you did.

Mary: No you did by your actions so I think that.....

Brian: No my actions when I was a kid. Did you do anything wrong when you was a kid?

Becky: Thank you Mr. Peters.

Brian Peters: It's all bullshit that's what it is.

Becky: Ok let's move on to item 13 Monthly Reports.

Brian: I don't know who the hell you think you's are.

Becky: Ok the first report will be the Eagle's Nest Emergency Shelter.

Brian: I got more blood in me then that whole damn board. This is bullshit.

13. Monthly Reports-

There were no questions or comments on the reports that were submitted. No action was taken.

14. Other Business-

Betty Jo informed the committee that she needs a couple of motions made regarding the proposed Tax Credit Housing Project. The first motion would be allowing Betty Jo Wozniak permission to act on behalf of WRDC should the awards be granted for projects 5 & 6.

Motion made by Kim Komanekin to approve Betty Jo Wozniak to be the signatory on behalf of WRDC if the awards are granted. Motion was seconded by Mary Husby. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Kim Komanekin to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature that the Tribal Chairperson sign the lease commitments if we are awarded Tax Credits 5 & 6. Motion was seconded by Gerald Dick Jr. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent (Fish). Motion carried.

15. Adjournment-

Motion made by Kim Komanekin to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Gerald Dick Jr. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Gigi Delabrué, Chairman's Office